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HARBOR VIEW HOLIDAY PARTY

The plans are all set for our annual holiday party for the residents of the Harbor View Health Care Center. The date of the party is **Thursday, December 12th from 2:30 till 4:00 pm.**

There is still time to volunteer to help with this worthwhile event. You can either provide home made baked goods (for either restrictive or regular diets) or come to the party to serve refreshments and visit with these lovely people. Musical entertainment will be provided by pianist Frank Frega.

During this season, this party is a way of spreading a little holiday cheer to these neighbors of ours, who are sometimes in need of companionship. It is also RNA's way of thanking the residents of Harbor View for allowing us the use of their facilities during the year.

If you are interested in helping out in this effort, please call 659-2245 after 6pm.

THE RNA HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

We are collecting non-perishable food and new or used toys for the holiday season to be distributed by the Salvation Army. The December meeting is the deadline for all contributions to the this drive. You can also call 659-2245 for the drop-off location, if you cannot bring your donation to the meeting.

If you prefer to make a cash donation, we will have our committee shop for you. Toys can be used so long as they are in working order and all pieces are included. Please help the less fortunate and give something to make some adult's or child 's holiday a little happier this year.

REBUILDING ASCENSION CHURCH

Work has already begun on the rebuilding of our community Church by local workers and volunteers. Passing by the corner of South Street and New York Avenue, you can already see the wooden roof framework that is being constructed upon the stone foundation.

Pastor George Swanson has asked RNA to announce that the Church is looking for volunteers every Sunday at 1:00 pm, to work on the project. For more information, please call 963-8819.

A CHRISTMAS POEM

by Maria Tuzzo

Mistletoe is hidden
'Midst evergreens and holly
Carolers are singing
Of santas always jolly.

Children's eyes are lighting up
Near every toy display
On their best behavior
Awaiting Christmas day.

Some folks are remembering
Christmas days of old
Recounting happy memories
Now all tinged with gold.

Families will be traveling
Near and far away
Greeting those they haven't seen
Since last year's holiday.

Wrapping up the presents
That we exchange each year
Helps revive the spirit
And bring a little cheer.

The bright lights and ribbons
Are what make it seem so gay
As we wish each other well
And a Merry Christmas Day!

COMING EVENTS

1) **HARBOR VIEW HOLIDAY PARTY** for the residents, December 12th, 2:30 pm: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2) **RNA MEETING:**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, at 7:30 PM
AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER
- **all welcome to the RNA HOLIDAY PARTY**
- final day for the **RNA Holiday Food and Toy Drive**

3) Board of Adjustment hearing for 210 Ogden Avenue: Thursday, **December 19th**: 6:00 pm at City Hall

RNA HOLIDAY RECIPES

In the spirit of the season, RNA is presenting a few of our members' favorite holiday recipes. Enjoy and eat healthy!

I. Holiday Punch

(Delicious with or without alcohol)

1) One day ahead: freeze 1 bottle of ginger ale in a ring mold.
2) Mix the following into a large punch bowl:
   a)1/2 cup sugar
   b) 1/2 gallon of orange juice (any brand)
   c) 1/2 cup of "real lemon"
   d) 1 box of frozen strawberries
3) Add 2 large bottles of ginger ale
4) Add 1 pint of orange or rainbow sherbert
5) Float the frozen ring mold on the mixture
6) If desired, add 1 cup of vodka or gin.

II. Shrimp Dip

Ingredients:

a) 1 can of tomato soup
b) 1 1/2 package of gelatin
c) 1/4 cup of water
d) two 8 oz. packages of cream cheese (at room temperature)
e) 1 cup of mayonnaise
f) 1 cup of finely chopped onion
g) 1 cup of finely chopped celery
h) 3 cans of baby or tiny shrimp: rinsed and drained
OR
(you can use 12 or 13 1/2 oz. bags of frozen shrimp)

1) Heat soup (add gelatin and water)
2) Stir in cream cheese until smooth (you can use blender or processor)
3) Mix mayo, onion and celery together, then add to soup mix
4) Stir in shrimp
5) Put in mold and refrigerate for 24 hours
6) Makes 6-7 cups

III. Cranberry Conserve

1) Make cherry jello (use one cup of hot water)
2) When cool, add
   a) 1 can of whole berry cranberries
   b) 1 small can of crusted pineapple (drained)
   c) 1/4 cup of chopped walnuts

IV. Gert's Famous Zucchini Bread

1) Beat until smooth:
   a) 1 1/2 cups of sugar
   b) 3/4 of good vegetable or corn oil
   c) 3 eggs
   d) 1 teaspoon of vanilla
2) Add the following mixture:
   a) 2 1/2 cups of flour
   b) 1 1/2 teaspoons of cinnamon
   c) 1/2 teaspoon of ground cloves
   d) 2 teaspoon of baking soda
   e) 1 teaspoon of baking powder
   f) 1/4 teaspoon of salt (if desired)
3) Mix thoroughly and then add 2 cups of grated unpeeled zucchini
4) Optional: add
   a) 1/2 cup of raisins
   b) 1/2 cup of chopped nuts
5) Mix well
6) grease and flour 2 loaf pans (size: approx. 4 1/2 " X 8 1/2")
7) Bake about one hour (check to see if done)
8) Cool in pans for 10 minutes, before turning out

V. Dennis Elgrim's Rum Cake Recipe

1) Blend:
   a) 1 package of Duncan Hines yellow cake mix
   b) 1 package of instant Jello vanilla pudding mix
   c) 1/2 cup of wesson oil
   d) 1/2 cold water
   e) 1/2 light rum
2) Add 4 eggs
3) Cover bottom of bundt pan with chopped nuts
4) Pour in batter
5) Bake 1 hour at 300-325 degrees
6) While cake is still hot, pour sauce over.

To make sauce:

a) combine :
   *) 1 cup of sugar
   *) 1 stick of margarine
   *) 1/4 cup of water
b) boil 1 minute and then add 1/4 cup of rum

VI. Ms. Springer's Heavenly Cookies

1) Cream together:
   a) 2 cups of butter
   b) 2 cups of sugar
   c) 2 cups of brown sugar
2) Add:
   a) 4 eggs
   b) 2 teaspoons of vanilla
3) Mix together:
   a) 4 cups of flour
   b) 5 cups of oatmeal (put small amounts into a blender and blend till it turns to powder. Measure first, then blend.)
   c) 1 teaspoon of salt
   d) 2 teaspoon of baking powder
   e) 2 teaspoon of baking soda
4) Mix all ingredients together
5) Add :
   a) 24 oz. bag of chocolate chips
   b) one 8 oz. Hershey bar (grated)
   c) 3 cups of chopped nuts (optional)
6) Bake on ungreased cookie sheet
7) Bake golf ball-sized cookies: place 2 inches apart
8) Bake at 375 degrees for about 15 minutes (or less time for softer cookies)
9) This recipe makes about 112 cookies

VII. Aunt Pauline's Pretzels

Ingredients:

a) 1 cup of very warm water
b) 2 packages of yeast
c) 1 teaspoon of salt
d) 1 teaspoon of course black pepper
e) 3 1/2 cups of flour
f) 1/3 cup of oil
g) 1/4 cup of fennel seeds

1) Combine water and pepper
2) Add yeast to warm water and dissolve
3) Add 1 cup of flour, salt and oil
4) Beat until smooth
5) Stir in rest of flour
6) knead 10 minutes or more till smooth
7) Place in greased bowl and then turn over
8) Cover with plastic wrap
9) Let rise 2 hours or more until double in size
10) Cut into three pieces
11)Each piece makes 12 pretzels
12) Roll into strips and shape like a wreath bringing ends together
13) Place on ungreased baking sheet
14) Bake at 400 degreed for 20 minutes or until browned
15) Makes 36 pretzels

MEETING MINUTES

The November meeting of RNA was conducted by Vice-chair Marie Lannie. First there was an update on the marble/stone factory located at 210 Ogden Avenue: the Board of Adjustment has rescheduled the variance hearing for this issue to December 19th at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

We also made the final plans for our annual holiday party for the residents of Harbor View to be held on Thursday, December 12th.

The members, feeling the holiday spirit, also voted to contribute to some worthy causes. First a contribution was made to the Henry Brandt Fund, the young grandson of Marie Lannie, who is in need of a bone marrow transplant. We voted to donate gift items to be used for the Harbor view residents' monthly bingo games. Finally we decided to supplement the neighborhood contributions to our Food and Toy Drive by making a donation from our treasury.

The meeting ended with our 50/50 drawing. The winner was Jose Ortiz, who donated his prize back to RNA. Thanks, Jose.

Please join us on Friday, December 13th for our monthly meeting and **annual holiday party**. The meeting begins ar 7:30 pm at the Harbor View Health Care Center.

Maria Tuzzo
Secretary

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Reopening Mountain Road: Last month, RNA started a petition drive to have the City reopen Mountain Road. In the fall, Mayor McCann offered to help us reopen this winding road, which is located on the Palisades and connects the Heights and Hoboken. Since the City closed this cobbled-stoned road over five years ago, it has deteriorated into a "no-man's land for drug dealing and illegal dumping. Because of the highway barriers, the police complain that they are unable to drive their patrolcars on the Road to patrol the area. There is never any regularly scheduled maintenance on the Road. There has also been an increase in the number of robberies and break-ins to the properties bordering the Road. The area has become a weed infested area, literally abandoned by the City.

The petition effort has already gathered over 300 signatures. If people are interested in helping to reopen this road, please come to our next meeting to pick-up the necessary petition forms or call 798-0493.

Narcotics Tipline: The Jersey City Police Department has set up a 12 hour telephone number to gather information about illegal drug use and dealing in the local neighborhoods. The number is 547-5757 and the hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. This project can only be successful if people are willing to make the effort and inform on the criminals who are ruining our communities by selling and doing drugs. Please take a stand and "drop a dime" on some slimeball!

Waterfront transportation: The project managers of the N.J. Transit Advisory Committee are now including a light rail system as one of the nine alternatives to the Hudson River waterfront transportation system. This system would run a light rail system from southwestern Jersey City in the area of Route 440 to the Vince Lombardi Park/Ride on the N.J. Turnpike in Ridgefield, approximately 15 miles. Although not formally part of the plan, the committee will study the possibilities of extending this light rail to Jersey City Heights, among other communities of North Hudson. It seems that these officials have finally heard the concerns and needs of the local communities along this transportation corridor: what we need is a non-polluting and cost-effective modern alternative to the buses and autos that are clogging our streets.

Attention: N.J. Transit is promoting its #86 extended bus service from the Path station at Exchange Place through Journal Square, Jersey City Heights, Union City, and West New York to North Bergen at Bergenline Avenue and 91st Street. for information, please call 1-800-772-2222.

Opposition to the Proposed Gasifier: Led by the Union City Residents Association, the fight against the proposed sludge gasifier is beginning to show positive results. Governor Florio was presented with a 3,000-signature petition gathered among the residents of Union City, Hoboken, Weehawken and Jersey City Heights. Mayors Pasculli, Turner, and Menendez along with Tri-City Sewerage Authority chair Richard Wolff are continuing to fight against this proposed pollution. The DEPE has now been asked to intercede and approve the HUCWSA 's efforts to terminate this contract.

CONRAD'S CORNER

With the economy going into a tailspin, it would seem the only way to work would be to get some kind of a government job. With 30 per cent more development and some 20 per cent of it vacant, it would seem we have come to the end of our prosperous economic system geared to overcoming scarcities.

What can we do to create more work when Port Newark is filled-up solid with Toyotas and other foreign cars. The simple answer is just get a government job and continue to enjoy the prosperity.

While all this is happening, our middle class - who pay all the taxes, are being squeezed out of existence. Tenants who represent the majority of voters are not even aware our county is on the verge of a collapse. To top things off, our police and firemen are demanding a raise and the City Council is even considering another raise in taxes. Since most of our City Council members are school teachers and not businessmen, they are not even aware that something is wrong. Only Council members Vasques and O'Dea know what's really going on. Worst of all is our Mayor who is now on the flying trapeze and as an accountant should have known better.

If Jersey City is to survive, we have to cut taxes at least 20 per cent: to save the middle class who, as stated before, pay all our taxes. Since we no longer need development, we can get rid of all the people on the Redevelopment Agency and other departments not directly contributing to the maintenance of the City.

Do we really need out of town architects, who cost us much more than just maintenance workers, to take care of our parks? It took more than six months to fix a railing on the park pavilion and one year to cut down a dead tree in Riverview Park. In the past, the head of the Parks Department took care of our parks, they were beautiful. Now with all our expensive out of town help, they are a shambles.

Let's get back to our old commission form of government, when we didn't have out of town specialists to tell us what to do. With some 250,000 people living in Jersey City we ought to be able to get someone from the City to run it, instead of high salaried out of towners.

Leaf Collection

The last day for leaf collection for 1991 will be Thursday, December 19th. Place at curbside the night before. ABSOLUTELY, NO PLASTIC BAGS ARE TO BE USED FOR LEAVES. Call the Incinerator Authority at 432-4645 for free brown biodegradable bags.

Protect yourself and your pets from rabies

New Jersey is experiencing a serious rabies epidemic in raccoons. (People who either live or walk their dogs by the Palisades, should be aware that there are wild raccoons living on the cliffs.)

Other wildlife, such as skunks, and domestic animals, especially cats, have become infected through contact with diseased raccoons. Protect yourself and your pets from this deadly disease.

Vaccinate cats and dogs against rabies at a veterinarian's office.

Do not feed, handle, or keep wild animals as pets.

If you are bitten by an animal, wash the wound and seek medical attention immediately.

For more information call your veterinarian or the Jersey City Health Dept (547-4888).

Jersey City Clean Communities - Litter Clean-up Program

Residential Requirements:

a) No person shall sweep into or deposit litter or debris in any gutter.
b) No driver or passenger shall throw or deposit litter upon any street or other public place.
c) No person shall throw or deposit litter in any park except in proper litter receptacle.
d) Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk in front of their premises free of litter.
e) Dog owners shall immediately remove and dispose of any feces deposited by such dogs in public places by a sanitary method.

Violations of the above laws will result in:

1) Minimum fine: $100.00
2) Maximum fine: $1,000.00
or
3) Community Service

JOIN RNA

A $3.00 annual membership includes a year's subscription to our monthly newsletter. Membership also includes voting privileges when you live within our boundaries.

Make your check payable to Riverview Neighborhood Association and mail it to 232 Ogden Avenue, J.C., N.J. 07307. Be sure to include your return address so that your membership card can be sent to you. Better yet, bring it in person to our next meeting.

DECEMBER...

Christmas, gift giving, fruit cakes, chestnuts,
Santa Claus, Christmas carols,
RNA Christmas party at Harbor View,
New Year 1992,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Madeline Tuzzo Rea

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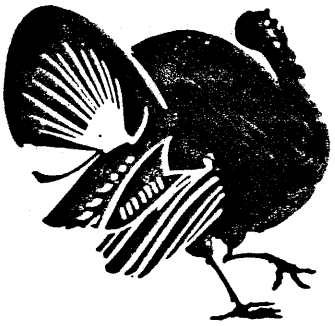
NOTICE:

This is a combined December-January issue of the RNA newsletter. The next mailing will be in February, 1992. Therefore, please take note that there will be a January meeting of the RNA on **Friday, January 10, 1992.**

SEE YOU AT OUR HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE NEXT RNA MEETING ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, AT 7:30 P.M.



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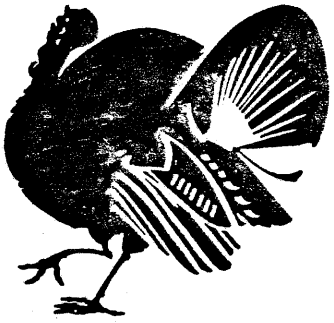

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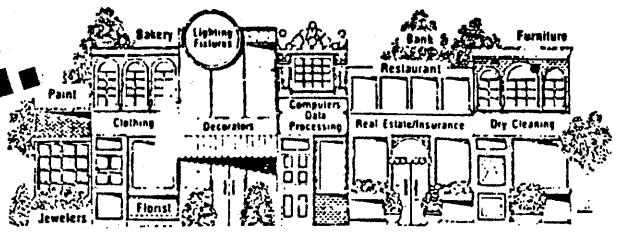

C.A.R.E. is the business organization for merchants on Central Avenue

Shopping on Central Avenue pays in more ways than one! That's right, you not only save time, gasoline and bring home the same or comparable goods at about the same prices, but when you do business with your neighbors, part of every dollar you spend goes toward improving service in your area and making your community a better place to shop and live.

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296 Fashion Shoes
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AUTO/RECREATION
301 Car Care
443 Summit Indoor Archery

FOOD
316 Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream
397 Blimpie Base
416 Chicken Delight
384 Continental Fruit
232 Foodtown/Mayfair Supermarket
473 Kays Spring Garden Lincoln Inn (13 Lincoln St.)
308 M&R Salumeria
400 Podewitz Liq.
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371 Bond Drugs, Inc.
437 Carls Beauty Salon
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366 Garden State News
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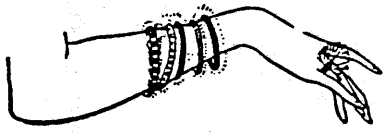

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